

AMENDMENTS

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-6. (canceled).

Claim 7. (currently amended): An atomizing apparatus comprising:

- (a) an outer cylinder connected to an outlet;
- (b) an inlet which is connected to said outer cylinder, said inlet being perpendicular to an axial direction of said outer cylinder;
- (c) a chamber formed at an intersection of said outer cylinder and said inlet, wherein said chamber is in fluid communication with said inlet;
- (d) an inner cylinder fitted inside said outer cylinder, wherein said inner cylinder contains a plurality of holes exposed to said chamber; **and , wherein said holes in said cylinder are arranged as groups of holes, wherein each group contains holes with substantially the same diameter relative to one another, and wherein a single group of holes is exposed to said inlet**
- ~~(e) — a water passage provided in said inner cylinder, wherein two separate long tubes abut each side of said water passage, and wherein the atomization temperature of water in said passage is adjusted by a temperature control device.~~

Claim 8. [[An]] The atomizing apparatus ~~comprising of claim 7~~:

- ~~(a) — an outer cylinder connected to an outlet;~~
- ~~(b) — an inlet which is connected to said outer cylinder, said inlet being perpendicular to an axial direction of said outer cylinder;~~
- ~~(c) — a chamber formed at an intersection of said outer cylinder and said inlet, wherein said chamber is in fluid communication with said inlet; and~~
- ~~(d) — an inner cylinder fitted inside said outer cylinder, wherein said inner cylinder contains a plurality of holes exposed to said chamber;~~

wherein said plurality of holes are opposed to one another in a circumference that is the same as the circumference of said inner cylinder.

Claim 9. (previously presented): The atomizing apparatus of claim 7, wherein said inner cylinder is connected to a screw positioned opposite said outlet of said outer cylinder, wherein said inner cylinder moves in said axial direction by turning said screw.

Claims 10-13. (canceled).

Claim 14. (previously presented): The atomizing apparatus of claim 7, wherein an outer periphery of said inner cylinder abuts against an inner periphery of said outer cylinder, wherein said inner cylinder slidably moves in said axial direction.

Claim 15. (previously presented): The atomizing apparatus of claim 7, wherein said plurality of holes are opposed to one another on a circumference that is the same as a circumference of said inner cylinder.

Claim 16. (previously presented): The atomizing apparatus of claim 7, wherein said chamber is a pressurizing chamber, which is capable of carrying out atomization therein.

Claim 17. (currently amended): The atomizing apparatus of claim 7, further comprising ~~a plurality of pressure-leakage-preventing members fitted into an inner periphery of said outer cylinder,~~ a water passage provided on a central axis of said inner cylinder, wherein the atomization temperature of water in said passage is adjusted by a temperature control device ~~said pressure-leakage-preventing members about an outer periphery of said inner cylinder.~~